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In re the Application of

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For: DISPLAY DEVICE, DISPLAY METHOD AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 7-13 as follows:

7. (Amended) The display device according to claim 1, wherein whether all of the options are displayed or some of the options are displayed is determined according to mounting conditions of additional devices.

8. (Amended) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the display device is used for selection of functions of an image forming apparatus.

9. (Amended) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the display device is a touch panel type display device which allows a user to select a function by touching a displayed area of one of the options.

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10. (Amended) The display device according to claim 1, further comprising display control means for displaying the options in a uniform arrangement when the number of the options to be displayed is changed.

11. (Amended) The display device according to claim 1, further comprising display control means which selects one of display data which are stored in advance and uses the selected display data to display the options when the number of the options to be displayed is changed.

12. (Amended) The display device according to claim 1, further comprising calculating means for determining by calculation display positions of the options when the number of the options to be displayed is changed.

13. (Amended) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the options include options associated with a particular function, and the options associated with the particular function are displayed when the particular function is selected on a predetermined display screen.

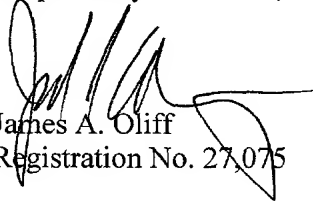
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REMARKS

Claims 1 - 20 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 7-13 are amended to remove multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

7. (Amended) The display device according to ~~any one of claims 1 through 5~~ claim 1, wherein whether all of the options are displayed or some of the options are displayed is determined according to mounting conditions of additional devices.

8. (Amended) The display device according to ~~any one of claims 1 through 5~~ claim 1, wherein the display device is used for selection of functions of an image forming apparatus.

9. (Amended) The display device according to ~~any one of claims 1 through 5~~ claim 1, wherein the display device is a touch panel type display device which allows a user to select a function by touching a displayed area of one of the options.

10. (Amended) The display device according to ~~any one of claims 1 through 5~~ claim 1, further comprising display control means for displaying the options in a uniform arrangement when the number of the options to be displayed is changed.

11. (Amended) The display device according to ~~any one of claims 1 through 5~~ claim 1, further comprising display control means which selects one of display data which are stored in advance and uses the selected display data to display the options when the number of the options to be displayed is changed.

12. (Amended) The display device according to ~~any one of claims 1 through 5~~ claim 1, further comprising calculating means for determining by calculation display positions of the options when the number of the options to be displayed is changed.

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13. (Amended) The display device according to ~~any one of claims 1 through 5~~
claim 1, wherein the options include options associated with a particular function, and the
options associated with the particular function are displayed when the particular function is
selected on a predetermined display screen.

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